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Don't Let a D.W.I. Crash Your Holidays

Santa Fe – The holidays are here and that means celebrations and parties, many of which include punched up eggnog, champagne and even hot toddies. While we're not saying don't enjoy yourself, we are saying do NOT get behind the wheel of a car after enjoying these or any other alcoholic beverages. Not even one. Most people assume the standard breath/blood alcohol content for a D.W.I. conviction is .08. But New Mexico uses the "impaired to the slightest degree" standard, meaning you can be arrested for drunk driving despite being below the usual .08 if you show the slightest signs of impairment.

If you do decide to drive, you're not only putting yourself at risk, but the lives of many innocent people as well. That's why law enforcement officers are out in force, looking for anyone who imbibes and then drives.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies from around the state are in the midst of their Winter Superblitz campaign. Its increased patrols and D.W.I. checkpoints coincide with the holidays, since drunken driving crashes increase significantly during this time.

"It's a choice that too many people make. Celebrating the season with a few drinks doesn't have to end in tragedy," said NMDOT Secretary Alvin Dominguez.

"The holiday season is a time to enjoy friends and family, but we all have a responsibility to keep our roads safe for our fellow New Mexicans," said Governor Susana Martinez. "Too often, we hear about the pain and heartache caused by a D.W.I. fatality around this time of year. Law enforcement is on the lookout for intoxicated drivers so I hope all New Mexicans will do the right thing by not drinking and driving."

So far this year, 136 people have died in alcohol-related crashes in New Mexico.

The Winter Superblitz runs through January 6th, 2013.

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